

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on May 31, 2005. Claims 1, 9 and 22 are in independent form.

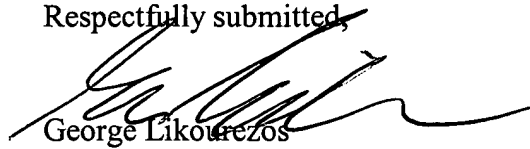
The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 6 and 22-29 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,761,729. Applicant is submitting a terminal disclosure along with this amendment in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.321(c), since the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,761,729 are commonly owned. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and allowance of Claims 1-3, 6 and 22-29 are respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-3, 6 and 22-29, are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (631) 501-5706.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Likourezos', is written over the typed name.

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